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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: UN NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM FOR AFGHANISTAN

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1. I MET WITH AMBASSADOR SCHURMANN ALONE APRIL 9 SINCE HE HAD INDICATED HE WOULD NOT BRING ANY OF HIS TEAM COLLEAGUES WITH HIM. WE HAD FULL AND FRANK DISCUSSION WHICH AGAIN REVEALED SCHURMANN' S INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE AFGHAN SCENE AND DIFFICULTIES AHEAD FOR ANY NARCOTICS PROGRAM.

2. SCHURMANN OPENED CONVERSATION BY COMMENTING AS FOLLOWS ON INTENTIONS OF GOVERNMENTS AS HE UNDERSTOOD THEM FROM HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH THEIR REPRESENTATIVES:

A. FRG VERY MUCH ON BOARD AND GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA HAD TOLD SCHURMANN THAT MY VISIT TO BONN HAD BEEN KEY FACTOR IN TURING FRG AROUND IN ITS THINKING. FRG NOW (1) INTENDS CONTINUE POLICE PROJECT, (2) WILL CONTRIBUTE NARCOTICS ADVISER, AND (3) INTENDS CONDUCT NARCOTICS TRAINING COURSE IN KABUL FOR AFGHAN POLICE. FRG DEFINITELY INTENDS TAKE PART IN CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN GENEVA AND IN PROGRAM WHICH SCHURMANN PLANS DEVISE WITH RGA.

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B. DENMARK IS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PARTICIPATION; BUT SCHURMANN PROVIDED NO DETAILS.

C. JAPAN WISHES PARTICIPATE AND JAP REPRESENTATIVE GENEVA WAS VERY APOLOGETIC IN SAYING GOJ INITIALLY INTERESTED ONLY IN CONTRIBUTING DRUG EXPERTS, EQUIPMENT AND EXPERTS IN LABORATORY PROCEDURE. SCHURMANN WRYLY INDICATED THIS WAS EXCELLENT BEGINNING FOR GOJ.

D. USSR GENEVA REPRESENTATIVE HAD HAD MANY QUESTIONS HAD SHOWN INTEREST BUT HAD MADE NO COMMITMENT.

E. PRC REP HAD STATED THIS WAS INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY PROBLEM IN WHICH OTHER COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT INTERFERE. SCHURMANN SAID HE HAD DEMURRED AT THIS ESPECIALLY SINCE RGA HAD REQUESTED FOREIGN ASSISTANCE; HOWEVER, SCHURMANN WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC REGARDING ANY PRCE ( NOR SOVIET FOR THAT MATTER) ASSISTANCE.

F. FRENCH ARE POSITIVE AND FRENCH DELEGATE INDICATED PARTICIPATION AND COMMITMENT.

G. UK NEGATIVE.

H. IRAN EXTREMELY INTERESTED, ESPECIALLY SINCE HELMAND TREATY SIGNED; AND IRANIAN REP URGED SCHURMANN STOPOVER IN TEHRAN AND SEE SHAH WHOM IRANIAN REP FELT " WOULD BE WILLING SPEND LOT OF CASH." IRANIAN ATTRIBUTED THIS ATTITUDE TO EUPHORIA OVER HELMAND TREATY. AS RESULT THIS, SCHURMANN WISHES SEE HIS MAJESTY WHILE IN KABUL. I ADVISED HIM SEE PRIMIN SHAFIQ FIRST AND MAKE KNOWN TO SHAFIQ HIS DESIRE SEE HIM.

I. IBRD POSITION WELL- KNOWN.

J. ADB HAS NOT YET REPLIED.

K. UNICEF INTERESTED.

3. AT END THIS RECITAL, SCHURMANN LOOKED AT ME EXPECTANTLY AND INQUIRED REGARDING US POSITION. I RESPONDED ALONG LINES REF A, WHICH INFORMATION GREATLY PLEASED AND HEARTENED SCHURMANN.

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4. SCHURMANN INDICATED HE FULLY AGREED AERIAL SURVEY HAD TO BE ACCOMPLISHED AT ONCE. SAID THAT HE NOT ABLE SIGN FORMAL CONTRACT THIS WEEK, BUT THAT MORE INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT COULD BE MADE QUICKLY IF AFGHANS REALIZE ITS IMPORTANCE AND WANT IT.

5. ON ENFORCEMENT, I NOTED THAT UN/ FAO REPORT HAD GIVEN SHORT SHRIFT TO ROLE GENDARMERIE, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND CUSTOMS IN LINE REF B AND PREVIOUS EMBASSY COMMENTS ON UN/ FAO REPORT. SCHURMANN ACKNOWLEDGED THIS AND INDICATED IT WOULD BE SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION WITH RGA. EXPANDING ON THIS THEME, SCHURMANN INDICATED WOULD LIKE TO GO BEYOND UN/ FAO REPORT AND GET STARTED ON SOME DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS. FYI: IN EARLIER CONVERSATION SAME DAY WITH GHAUS ( DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MFA) POLOFF HAD ASCERTAINED THAT MFA HAS OBTAINED REPORTS FROM ALL CONCERNED MINISTRIES, HAS NO SURPRISES IN STORE FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH SCHURMANN AND IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN VARYING DEGREES OF DETAIL SOME SPECIFIC PROJECTS IF SCHURMANN RAISED THEM. GHAUS INDICATED CURRENT RGA THINKING IS NOT TO RAISE PROJECT DETAIL THEMSELVES. END FYI.

6. SCHURMANN SAID HE UNCERTAIN WHETHER IT NECESSARY MEET SEPARATELY WITH DONORS AS GROUP BEFORE GETTING INTO DETAILED DISCUSSION WITH RGA ON PROJECT. I RESPONDED THAT I DID NOT PRESUME TO ADVISE EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT LIKE AMBASSADOR SCHURMANN, BUT THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT HE PUT " DONORS HOUSE" IN ORDER AND NOT GIVE RGA ANY VETO OF D  
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